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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAMBIAN PRESS

1. ZAMBIAN DAILIES NOV 13 CONTINUES CARRY HEAVY COVERAGE OF ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS BUT WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT. IN STORY FILED FROM LUANDA NOV 12 BY ITS CORRESPONDENT ROBINSON MAKAYI, TIMES OF ZAMBIA REPORTS MORE THAN TWENTY COUNTRIES, MAINLY AFRICAN AND COMMUNIST, HAVE SO FAR RECOGNIZED MPLA'S "PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA." MAKAYI LIST, HOWEVER, CONTAINS NIGERIA, EGYPT, AND ETHIOPIA WHICH OTHER SOURCES REPORT TO HAVE SO FAR WITHHELD ENDORSEMENT FROM EITHER MPLA OR RIVAL FNLA/UNITA GOVERNMENT. MAKAYI REPORTS PORTUGAL RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA BUT DOES NOT CLARIFY IF THIS MEANS OF MPLA ADMINISTRATION. MAKAYI NOTES MPLA CLAIMS TO HAVE REPULSED ZAIRE-BASED INVASION OF CABINDA, CAPTURING ONE BELGIAN MERCENARY AND SOME TANKS AS WELL AS FNLA ATTACK ON QUIFINGONDO. CONFIRMATION OF LATTER CLAIM

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IS RESTORATION OF LUANDA WATER SUPPLY FOR FIRST TIME SINCE

MAKAYI ARRIVAL. MAKAYI REPORTS HE COULD HEAR SOUND OF HEAVY GUNFIRE NIGHT OF NOV 11/12 BUT UNSURE IF THIS FROM FIGHTING AT QUIFANGONDO OR FROM TESTING OF NEWLY RECEIVED EQUIPMENT. CLAIMS THAT LAST PORTUGUESE TROOPS TO LEAVE ANGOLA VANDALIZED SAO MIGUEL FORT, SLAUGHTERING DOGS AND SCRAWLING ANTI-MPLA, PRO-FNLA GRAFFITTI.

2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA, PRESENTLY ON TOUR OF LUAPULA PROVINCE, TOLD AUDIENCE IN MANSA NOV 12 THAT "BIG POWERS" ARE USING ANGOLA AS TESTING GROUND FOR NEW WEAPONS. RECALLING CONGO CRISIS OF EARLY SIXTIES, PRESIDENT WARNED ANGOLA WILL GO SAME WAY IF THREE WARRING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS DO NOT UNITE.

3. DURING LUSAKA AIRPORT STOPOVER ON HIS RETURN FROM INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN LUANDA, MOZAMBIQUE VICE PRES DOS SANTOS REAFFIRMED TIES BETWEEN FRELIMO AND MPLA WHICH HE CLAIMED HAS IDENTIFIED ITSELF WITH PEOPLE OF ANGOLA. "IT IS INTENTION OF MOZAMBIQUE THAT THE INTERESTES OF THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA SHOULD PREVAIL," DOSSANTOS ADDED. DOSSANTOS MET BY ZAMBIAN PRIMIN MUDENDA, LEGAL AFFAIRS MIN CHONA, AND A MEMBER OF UNIP CENTRAL COMMITTEE. DAILY MAIL REPORTS MOZAMBIQUE TO SEND INITIAL FORCE OF 250 FRELIMO VETERAN GUERRILLAS TO LUANDA IN SUPPORT OF MPLA.

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